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FOR: Methods for Assaying Biological and other Constituents using Synthetic Nucleounits in Lateral Flow, Liquid, and Dry Chemistry Techniques

Amendment B

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action letter mailed 05/02/2003, please amend the above application as follows:

Claims:

Please amend the claims as follow: Please **delete** claims ~~1-7~~ per the Examiners helpful suggestions and **add** the following claims **8-15**. Please note that this is done at the Examiners request to go from a broad patent claim to a narrow claim of Prostate Specific Antigen per the communication dated 5/10/2002. In that Office Action it was requested of the applicant to select a "single type of analyte", etc. The analyte chosen was PSA. The Applicant hopes the following changes are what the Examiner is looking for with reference to this application.